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1. ECHEVERRIA'S ALGERIA VISIT JULY 14-17 PRODUCED WARM BATH OF SOFT-CORE THIRD WORLD RHETORIC BUT LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE. ITS SPIRIT TYPIFIED BY BANNER PUT UP BY ALGERIANS AND READING, "TOTAL SUPPORT TO ALL JUST CAUSES IN THE WORLD."

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2. ECHEVERRIA MADE OBVIOUS EFFORT IN SPEECHES AND PRESS

CONFERENCES TO INGRATIATE HIMSELF. HE STRESSED
IDENTITY OF ALGERIAN AND MEXICAN EXPERIENCES (REVOLUTIONARY
TRIALS, AGRARIAN REFORM, NATIONALIZATION OF OIL RESOURCES)
AND EMPHASIZED MEXICO'S SOLIDARITY WITH ALGERIA'S "AVANT
GARDE AND REALISTIC POLICY" AND INTERNATIONAL VIEWS AND WITH
NONALIGNED/THIRD WORLD ECONOMIC DEMANDS.

3. HE ALSO CALLED FOR JUSTICE FOR PALESTINIANS BASED ON UN
RESOLUTIONS, EXPRESSED DESIRE MEET WITH ARAFAT, STATED HE DID
NOT SEE MEXICO JOINING OPEC FOR MOMENT, AND PARADED MEXICO'S
CUBA AND ALLENDE TIES AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY.

4. COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT SIGNED BY COMMERCE MINISTERS. ACCORDS
BEING PREPARED ON ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL, COMMERCIAL, CULTURAL
AND SCIENTIFIC MATTERS. WE UNDERSTAND MEXICANS TRYING TO WIN
AUTO PLANT PROJECT FOR MEXICAN VOLKSWAGEN AFFILIATE, ARGUING
NEED FOR THIRD WORLD MUTUAL SUPPORT; WE DOUBT THEIR PROSPECTS
ARE VERY GOOD.

5. FINAL COMMUNIQUE STRESSED ALGERIAN-MEXICAN AGREEMENT ON
THIRD WORLD SOLIDARITY AND ON NECESSITY OF NEW INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC ORDER AND OF REINFORCEMENT OF BATTLE AGAINST
IMPERIALISM, RACISM, COLONIALISM, ETC. COMMUNIQUE SALUTED
VICTORIES OF INDOCHINA PEOPLES, CONDEMNED SOUTH AFRICA AND
RHODESIA, OPPOSED CUBA EMBARGO, SUPPORTED PANAMA CLAIMS TO
SOVEREIGNTY OVER CANAL AND PAID HOMAGE TO ALLENDE.

6. AFTER PRESENTING BOUMEDIENE'S EXPLANATION OF MIDDLE EAST
SITUATION, COMMUNIQUE SIMPLY REMARKED THAT ECHEVERRIA HAD
"LISTENED WITH GREAT INTEREST." WOULD NOTE THAT CONTENTS OF
FBIS REPORT OF ECHEVERRIA PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS ON
KISSINGER "RECENT THREATS" (FBIS LONDON LD 170241Y) WERE NOT
CARRIED IN LOCAL PRESS.

7. WE WOULD CLASSIFY VISIT AS FAIRLY ROUTINE IN TERMS
FESTIVITIES ARRANGED AND RESULTS ACCOMPLISHED. THERE CONSIDERABLY
LESS HOOPLA, FOR INSTANCE, THAN THERE WAS FOR KIM IL SUNG VISIT.
BOUMEDIENE'S DINNER FOR ECHEVERRIA AND LATTER'S DINNER IN
RETURN, BOTH HELD AT PALAIS DU PEUPLE, UNINSPIRING. THERE
ONLY SO MANY THINGS ALGERIAN COOKS CAN DO WITH BOILED
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MUTTON. IN THEIR SPEECHES TWO HEADS OF STATE VIED WITH EACH OTHER
IN MONOTONY OF DELIVERY, BUT BOUMEDIENE WON HANDS DOWN. FOR THE
OCCASION, ALGERIANS IMPORTED SPANISH-SPEAKING INTERPRETER WHO
IS SECOND SECRETARY OF EGYPTIAN EMBASSY MADRID, INDICATING
LENGTHS TO WHICH ARABIZATION BEING PURSUED. NON-SPANISH,
NON-ARABIC SPEAKERS AT DINNER LEFT IN TOTAL IGNORANCE AS TO
PROCEEDINGS. MRS. BOUMEDIENE MUCH IN EVIDENCE AT DINNER TABLE
AND AT AIRPORT FAREWELL, LOOKING VERY PRETTY. SHE AND MEXICAN

LADIES PROVIDED ONLY NOTE OF GAIETY TO PROCEEDINGS.

8. CONTACT WITH PARTY LIMITED BY ALGERIAN PROTOCOL ARRANGEMENTS. ONLY COMMENTS ON VISIT WE ABLE TO EXTRACT FROM TWO BRIEF CONTACTS WERE THAT VISIT HAD GONE WELL BUT PARTY TIRED AND HOT (TEMPERATURE WAS LOCALLY UNHEARD OF 102 ON SECOND DAY OF VISIT). AT THIS RATE, THEY SHOULD BE EXHAUSTED BY TIME THEY GET TO CAIRO.

9. OF SOME INTEREST TO US IS FACT THAT MINISTR OF INTERIOR ABDELGHANI GIVEN SECOND-RANKING ALGERIAN SEAT AT DINNER TABLE, WELL ABOVE HIS SENIORS, PRESUMABLY MEANING HE DESIGNATED AS ESCORT OFFICER, BUT PERHAPS SAYING SOMETHING ABOUT HIS PLACE IN THE PECKING ORDER. FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTEFLIKA ABSENT AS USUAL.PARKER

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